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# ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ITS THIRTY-SEVENTH SESSION

## Draft report

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## I. ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION

1. The Committee for Programme and Coordination held its organizational session for 1997 (1st meeting) at United Nations Headquarters on 12 May 1997 and its substantive session from 9 June to 3 July 1997. It held ... meetings (2nd to ... meetings) and a number of informal consultations.

### A. Agenda

2. The agenda for the thirty-seventh session, adopted by the Committee at its 1st meeting, is reproduced in annex I to the present report.

3. In adopting the agenda, the Committee, in accordance with the decision taken at its organizational meeting for 1997, decided to consider at its thirty-seventh session the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) entitled "Coordination of policy and programming frameworks for more effective development cooperation" (A/51/636-E/1996/104, annex and A/52/115-E/1997/47, annex). The Committee also decided that the report of JIU entitled "Common services at United Nations Headquarters" (A/51/686, annex), as well as the comments of the Secretary-General thereon (A/51/686/Add.1, annex) and the observations made by JIU on the comments of the Secretary-General (A/51/686/Add.2, annex) should be considered under the relevant section of the

proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 under agenda item 4 (a), Programme questions: Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999.

## B. Election of officers

4. At its 1st and 2nd meetings, on 12 May and 9 June 1997, the Committee elected the following officers by acclamation:

Chairman: Mr. Wolfgang Stockl (Germany)

Vice Chairmen: Mr. Amr Nour (Egypt)
Mr. Anuson Chinvanno (Thailand)
Mr. Zbigniew Szymanski (Poland)

Rapporteur: Mrs. Sharon Brennen-Haylock (Bahamas)

## C. Attendance

5. The following States members of the Committee were represented:

Argentina
Austria
Bahamas
Benin
Brazil
Cameroon
China
Congo
Egypt
France
Germany
Ghana
Indonesia
Iran (Islamic Republic of)
Japan
Mexico
Nicaragua
Nigeria
Pakistan
Poland
Republic of Korea
Romania
Russian Federation
Thailand
Togo
Trinidad and Tobago
Ukraine
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
United States of America
Uruguay
Zimbabwe

The Democratic Republic of the Congo was not represented at the session and the two vacant seats from the Western European and Other States Group remain to be filled.

6. The following States Members of the United Nations were represented by observers:

Algeria
Armenia
Australia
Belgium
Bolivia
Canada
Colombia
Costa Rica
Cuba
Ecuador
Guatemala
Honduras
India
Ireland
Italy
Morocco
Namibia
New Zealand
Norway
Panama
Papua New Guinea
Peru
Philippines
Portugal
Saudi Arabia
Tunisia
Uganda
United Republic of Tanzania

7. The following regional commissions and specialized agencies were represented:

Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)

Economic Commission for Europe (ECE)

Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)

Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)

Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)

Regional Commissions New York Office

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

8. Also present at the session were the Under-Secretary-General for Administration and Management, the Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services, the Under-Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development, the Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs, the Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs, the Controller, the Executive Secretary of ECLAC and senior officials of the United Nations Secretariat. At the invitation of the Committee, Mr. Kuyama Sumihiro, Inspector of JIU, participated in the work of the Committee.

## D. Documentation

9. The list of documents before the Committee at its thirty-sixth session is set out in annex II.

## E. Adoption of the report of the Committee

10. At its ... and ... meetings, on 3 July 1997, the Committee adopted the draft report on the work of the Committee at its thirty-seventh session (E/AC.51/1997/L.4 and Add.1-43).

ANNEX I

Agenda for the thirty-seventh session of the Committee

1. Election of officers.

2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.

3. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations.

4. Programme questions:

   (a) Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999;

   (b) Evaluation.

5. Coordination questions:

   (a) Report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination;

   (b) Revised System-wide Plan of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development;

   (c) Implementation of the United Nations System-wide Special Initiative on Africa.

6. Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit.

7. Provisional agenda for the thirty-eighth session of the Committee.

8. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its thirty-seventh session.

ANNEX II

List of the documents before the Committee at its thirty-seventh session

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| E/AC.51/1997/1 | Annotated provisional agenda | |
| A/52/6 | Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 | |
| | Part one (i) | Foreword and introduction |
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| | Section 17 | Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific |
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| | Section 27A | Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Administration and Management |
| | Section 27B | Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts |
| | Section 27D | Support services |
| | Section 27F | Administration, Geneva |
| | Section 27G | Administration, Vienna |
| | Section 27H | Administration, Nairobi |
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| | Section 29 | Jointly financed administrative activities |
| | Section 31 | Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance |
| A/C.5/51/53 | | Report of the Secretary-General on the impact of approved savings measures on the implementation of mandated programmes and activities |

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| A/51/686/Add.1 and 2 | Notes by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Common services at United Nations Headquarters", the comments of the Secretary-General on the report, and the observations by the Joint Inspection Unit on the comments of the Secretary-General |
| E/1997/5 | Note by the Secretary-General on the reform of the United Nations and its impact on the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean |
| E/AC.51/1997/2 | Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the in-depth evaluation of the statistics programme |
| E/AC.51/1997/3 | Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the in-depth evaluation of the Department of Humanitarian Affairs |
| E/AC.51/1997/4 | Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on topics for future in-depth evaluation |
| E/AC.51/1997/5 | Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the triennial review of the in-depth evaluation of the social development programme |
| A/51/810 | Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the review of the United Nations Environment Programme and the administrative practices of its secretariat, including the United Nations Office at Nairobi |
| E/1997/54 and Corr.1 | Annual overview report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination for 1996 |
| E/AC.51/1997/6 | Report of the Secretary-General on the proposed revision to the System-wide Plan of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development |
| E/AC.51/1997/7 | Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the United Nations System-wide Special Initiative on Africa |
| A/51/636-E/1996/104 | Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Coordination of policy and programming frameworks for more effective development cooperation" |

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| A/52/115-E/1997/47 | Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Coordination of policy and programming frameworks for more effective development cooperation" |
| E/AC.51/1997/L.1/Rev.1 | Note by the Secretariat on the status of documentation for the thirty-seventh session |
| E/AC.51/1997/L.2/Rev.1 | Proposed programme of work for the thirty-seventh session of the Committee for Programme and Coordination |
| E/AC.51/1997/L.3 | Note by the Secretariat on the list of reports issued by the Joint Inspection Unit in 1996 and early 1997 |
| E/AC.51/1997/L.5 | Draft provisional agenda for the thirty-eighth session of the Committee for Programme and Coordination: note by the Secretariat |
| E/AC.51/1997/INF/1 | List of delegations |

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